The Polish is a unique breed of poultry. It has various names worldwide which include Padua, Dutch Crested and Poland. Although all of these names would lead you to believe that the breed originated from the country Poland this has never been proven. It is believed that the breed originally came from Eastern Europe and possibly Russia but again this is all still speculation.

What is fact is that the oldest reference found to date is the stone statue in the Vatican which bears a very close resemblance to a crested fowl. Another discovery was in a Roman archaeological dig in the south of England where a skull from a bird was discovered and was exactly the same as the skull on today's Polish breed. It therefore suggests that this breed did originate from this area and was imported into the U.K. by the Romans. This also suggests that the breed is possibly one of the oldest in existence today.

OE Polled = Crest

SOME Membership Benefits include:

1. Newsletters- 4 times annually
2. Awards at PBC district, state, and national meets
3. Basic listings on both website and in annual yearbook with varieties raised and contact info- if desired (not required)
4. Member Only access to the website forum
5. Points received for show wins toward yearly awards as well as master breeder status.
6. Welcome packet with addition club info

This breed is what I class as the "Royalty of Poultry." It is without doubt one of the most stunning of all poultry breeds, the crest is its crowning glory and sets it apart from any other breed. The crest is what causes the fascination and interest in the Polish.

Terry Beebe
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Picture of White Crested Khaki pair

The American Poultry Association classifies large fowl in the Continental class and bantams in the AOCCL class, They recognize the following varieties:

In non bearded:
Black Crested White (LF only)
White Crested Black
White Crested Blue

In bearded and non bearded:
Golden
Silver
Buff lace
White

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The American Bantam Association classifies them in the AOCCL class and recognizes bantams in these varieties:

In bearded and non bearded:
Blue
Golden
Silver
Buff lace
White
White Crested Black
White Crested Blue

In non-bearded:
White Crested Cuckoo
White Crested Chocolate
White Crested Khaki

ONLY CURRENTLY RECONGIZED VARIETIES ARE LISTED ABOVE
There are other colors available, but they cannot compete above variety in a show